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### PART-IIA

#### GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

#### NOTIFICATIONS

The 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**No.ERTS (T) 140/97/247.-** In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to make the following Rules regulating the recruitment and the conditions of service of persons appointed to the posts in the Taxation Service of Government of Meghalaya, namely, as follows:-

1. **Short Title and commencement.** (1) These Rules may be called "The Meghalaya Taxation Service Rules 2020".
  - (2) These Rules shall be applicable to officers appointed to posts in the Taxation Service of Government of Meghalaya.
  - (3) They shall come into force from the date of Notification in the Official Gazette.
2. **Definitions.** In these Rules unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-
  - (a) "Appointing Authority" means the Governor of Meghalaya;
  - (b) "Commission" means the Meghalaya Public Service Commission;
  - (c) "Committee" means the Department Promotion Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) and (2) of Rule 8;
  - (d) "Government" means the Government of Meghalaya;
  - (e) "Governor" means the Governor of Meghalaya;
  - (f) "Member of the Service" means a member of the Meghalaya Taxation Service.
  - (g) "Rules" means the Meghalaya Taxation Service Rules, 2020;
  - (h) "Service" means the Meghalaya Taxation Service constituted under these Rules;
  - (i) "Schedule" means Schedule appended to these Rules;
  - (j) "State" means the State of Meghalaya; and
  - (k) "Year" means a Calendar year.

3. **Constitution of the Service.** There shall be constituted a Service to be known as the Meghalaya Taxation Service consisting of the following persons, namely:-

- (1) Persons appointed to different posts in the Service before the commencement of these Rules.
- (2) Persons appointed to different posts in the Service in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

4. **Composition of the Service.**

- (1) The service shall consist of the following grades and posts-

Post	Composition of Service
1. Additional Commissioner of Taxes	Senior Grade
2. Joint Commissioner of Taxes	Grade-I Senior
3. Deputy Commissioner of Taxes	Grade-I Junior
4. Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	Grade-II Senior
5. Superintendent of Taxes	Grade-II Junior
6. Inspector of Taxes	Grade-III

- (2) Each of the category of posts in sub-rule (1) shall form an independent cadre. Members of the lower cadre shall have no claim for appointment to any of the higher cadre, except in accordance with the provisions made in these Rules.

5. **Status.** The status of members of the Service shall be as follows:-

- (i) Group 'A' Gazetted - Additional Commissioner of Taxes, Joint Commissioner of Taxes, Deputy Commissioner of Taxes and Assistant Commissioner of Taxes,
- (ii) Group 'B' Gazetted - Superintendent of Taxes and Inspector of Taxes.

6. **Strength of the Service.**

- (1) The strength and composition of the service shall be such as determined by the Governor from time to time.
- (2) At the commencement of these Rules, the strength of the service and posts therein shall be as shown in Schedule I appended to these Rules.

7. **Method of Recruitment.**

- (1) **Additional Commissioner of Taxes.** Appointment to the post of Additional Commissioner of Taxes shall be made by promotion from amongst the members of the service holding the post of Joint Commissioner of Taxes who have rendered not less than three years of continuous service in the immediate lower cadre or a combined service of twenty one years as shown in Schedule II appended to these rules and included in the select list under sub-rule (4) of Rule 9:

Provided that in the event of non-availability of a qualified officer from amongst the members of the service, the Government shall appoint an officer to the post, from amongst officers of other Service cadres, who is of sufficient seniority to hold the post.

- (2) **Joint Commissioner of Taxes.** Appointment to the post of Joint Commissioner of Taxes shall be made by promotion from amongst the members of the service holding the post of Deputy Commissioner of Taxes, who have rendered not less than three years of continuous service in the immediate lower cadre or a combined service of eighteen years as shown in Schedule II appended to these Rules and included in the select list under sub-rule (4) of Rule 9.
- (3) **Deputy Commissioner of Taxes.** Appointment to the post of Deputy Commissioner of Taxes shall be made by promotion from amongst the member of the service holding the post of Assistant Commissioners of Taxes who have rendered not less than three years of continuous service in the immediate lower cadre or a combined service of fifteen years as shown in Schedule II appended to these Rules and included in the select list under sub-rule (4) of Rule 9.
- (4) **Assistant Commissioner of Taxes.** Appointment to the post of Assistant Commissioner of Taxes shall be made by promotion from amongst the members of the service holding the post of Superintendents of Taxes who have rendered not less than three years of continuous service in the immediate lower cadre or a combined service of twelve years as shown in Schedule II appended to these Rules and included in the select list under sub-rule (4) of Rule 9.
- (5) **Superintendent of Taxes.** Appointment to the post of Superintendent of Taxes shall be made by promotion from amongst the members of the service holding the post of Inspector of Taxes and who fulfill the following criteria as shown in Schedule II appended to these Rules and included in the select list under sub-rule (4) of Rule 9:-

- (a) have rendered not less than five years of continuous service in the immediate lower cadre, and
- (b) have passed the Departmental Examination as prescribed by the Appointing Authority and conducted by the Meghalaya Public Service Commission, from time to time:

Provided that the provision of clause (b) shall not apply to the Inspector of Taxes already in service on the date of commencement of these rules.

- (6) **Inspector of Taxes.** Appointment to the post of Inspector of Taxes shall be made in the following manner; namely,-
- (a) Seventy-five percent of the total vacancies shall be filled up by direct recruitment through a competitive examination to be conducted by the Commission with minimum educational qualification of Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized University and possess working knowledge of computer applications as shown in Schedule II appended to these Rules.
  - (b) Twenty-five percent of the total vacancies shall be filled up by promotion from amongst the ministerial staff who are serving in the Offices of the Commissioner of Taxes or the Superintendent of Taxes who have rendered a minimum of five years of continuous service in the capacity of UDA or a combined service of ten years with minimum educational qualification of Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a recognized University as shown in Schedule II appended to these Rules and included in the select list under sub-rule (4) of Rule 9, with working knowledge of computer applications:

Provided that the number of persons recruited under Clause (b) above shall not at any time exceed twenty- five percent of the total strength in that cadre of the service:

Provided further that of the vacant posts under Clause (b) above, twenty-five percent shall be filled up by promotion from the ministerial staff of the Directorate Office and seventy-five percent from the ministerial staff of the District Offices;

8. **Departmental Promotion Committee.** (1) For the purpose of appointment by promotion under sub-rule (1) (2) (3) and (4) of Rule 7, there shall be a Departmental Promotion Committee consisting of the following members:-

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| I. Chief Secretary  | - Chairman         |
| II. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary/<br>Secretary, Excise, Registration, Taxation & Stamps Department | - Member Secretary |
| III. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary/<br>Secretary Personnel & A. R. Department                       | - Member           |
| IV. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary/<br>Secretary Finance Department                                  | - Member           |
| V. Commissioner of Taxes  | - Member.          |

The Committee may invite any other person to attend its meeting as and when considered necessary.

- (2) For the purpose of appointment by promotion under sub-rule (5) of Rule 7 and clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of Rule 7, there shall be a Departmental Promotion Committee consisting of the following members:-

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| I. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary/<br>Secretary, Excise, Registration, Taxation & Stamps Department | - Chairman         |
| II. Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary Personnel &<br>A. R. Department or his representative                      | - Member           |
| III. Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary Finance<br>Department or his representative                               | - Member.          |
| IV. Commissioner of Taxes  | - Member Secretary |

The Committee may invite any other person to attend its meeting as and when considered necessary.

9. **Procedure for preparing the Select List.** (1) At the beginning of each year, the Appointing Authority shall refer to the Committee the approximate number of vacancies likely to occur in each grade of the service during the year. In order to enable the Committee to prepare the lists for promotion to those grades, the Appointing Authority shall furnish the Committee with the following documents, namely:-

- (i) A list of members of the service drawn up in order of seniority and consisting three times the number of vacancies referred to in sub-rule (1) above:

Provided that such restriction shall not apply in respect of post where the total number of eligible persons is less than three times the number of vacancies and in such a case the Committee shall consider all the eligible Officers,

- (ii) The Character Rolls and Service Records of such members.
- (iii) Any other documents and information as may be considered necessary by the Appointing Authority or required by the Committee.
- (2) The Committee, after examining the character Rolls, Service Records and other documents in respect of all such persons, shall prepare a list based on seniority with due regard to merit and suitability. The

number of persons to be included in the List shall be according to the actual number of vacancies available or anticipated at the particular grade. The List shall be forwarded by the Committee to the Appointing Authority.

- (3) For the purpose of appointment by promotion under sub-rules (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of Rule 7, the Appointing Authority shall consider the List prepared by the Committee along with the Character Rolls, Service Records and other documents in respect of each person in the List and unless it considers that any change is necessary, approve the List. If the Appointing Authority considers it necessary to make any change in the List received from the Committee, it shall inform the Committee of the changes proposed and after taking into account the comments, if any, of the Committee, approve the List finally, with or without modification, as may in its opinion, deem to be just and proper.

- (4) The List as approved under sub-rule (3) shall form the Select List for the purpose of appointment by promotion under sub-rules (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and Clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of Rule 7.

10. **Validity of the Select List.** (1) The select List shall remain in force for a period of one year, from the date of approval by the Appointing Authority unless its validity is extended with the approval of the Appointing Authority:

Provided that such an extension shall not be for a total period exceeding six months:

Provided further that in the event of any lapse in the conduct or performance of duties on the part of any person in the Select List, the Appointing Authority may, if it thinks fit, remove the name of such person from the Select List in consultation with the Committee. The reason for doing so shall be recorded in writing and the same shall be communicated to the affected person.

- (2) The Committee shall meet once a year or whenever the need arises to review the Select List.

11. **Direct recruitment.** (1) Examination for direct recruitment under clause (a) of sub-rule (6) of Rule 7 shall be held at such intervals as the Appointing Authority may, in consultation with the Commission, from time to time determine. The date on which and the place at which the examination shall be held, shall be fixed by the Commission.

- (2) The examination shall be conducted by the Commission in accordance with such syllabus as the Appointing Authority may from time to time make in consultation with the Commission.

- (3) Of the number of vacancies to be filled up on the result of each examination, there shall be reservation in favour of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Persons with Disabilities and other categories to the extent and subject to the conditions as the Government may from time to time prescribe.

- (4) On the basis of the result of the Competitive Examination, the Commission shall prepare a list of all successful candidates in order of merit, which shall be determined in accordance with the aggregate marks obtained by each candidate and if two or more candidates obtained equal marks, the Commission shall arrange them in order of their relative merit which shall be determined in accordance with the general suitability of the candidates for appointment to the post. The number of persons to be included in the list shall be as laid down in Part-IV of the Instruction appended to the Meghalaya Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, 1972. The list shall be forwarded to the Appointing Authority.

- (5) The inclusion of a candidate's name in the list shall confer no right to appointment unless the Government is satisfied after such enquiry as may be considered necessary that the candidate is suitable in all respects for appointment to the post and that appointment to any post in the service is subject to availability of vacancy.

12. **Conditions of eligibility for appearing at the Examination.** In order to be eligible to compete at the examination for direct recruitment, a candidate must satisfy the following conditions:-

- (1) He must be a citizen of India.
- (2) He must have attained the age of eighteen years and must not have exceeded the age of twenty-seven years on the first day of the year in which the advertisement for the post is made. There will be no age limit for candidates already in Meghalaya Government Service provided they entered service within the prescribed age limit **and have not exceeded the age of forty-five years on the first day of the year in which the advertisement for the post is made:**

Provided that, in the case of candidate belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes and other categories, the upper age limit shall be subject to relaxation made by the Government from time to time.

- (3) Should possess a minimum Bachelor's degree in any discipline from any recognized University and working knowledge of computer applications.

13. **Disqualification for appointment to posts in the service.** (1) No person shall be appointed who after such medical examination as the Government may prescribe is not found to be in good mental or physical health and free from any infirmity which may render him unfit in the discharge of his duties.

- (2) No person shall be appointed to a post in the service who has been convicted for any offence involving moral turpitude.
- (3) No person who has more than one spouse living shall be eligible for appointment to a post in the service:

Provided that Government may, if it is satisfied that there are special grounds for doing so, exempt any person from the operation of this sub-rule.

- (4) No person who attempts to enlist support for his candidature either directly or indirectly by any recommendation either written or oral or by any other means shall be appointed to any post in the service.

14. **Appointment to the Service.** (1) Appointment to any post in the service under Rule 7 shall be made by the Appointing Authority and shall be published in the Meghalaya Gazette, in respect of a Gazetted post.

- (2) (i) Subject to the provisions of sub-rule (3) and (5) of Rule 11, appointment by direct recruitment, under clause (a) of sub-rule (6) of Rule 7 shall be made from time to time in order in which the names of candidates appear in the Merit List prepared under sub-rule (4) of Rule 11.

(ii) A person appointed by direct recruitment shall join within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the order of appointment, failing which and unless the Appointing Authority extends the period of joining, which shall not in any case exceed three months, the appointment shall be cancelled.

- (3) Appointment under sub-rule (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of Rule 7 shall be made in the order in which the names of candidates appear in the Select List approved under sub-rule (4) of Rule 9.

15. **Probation.** Every person appointed to posts in the service under Clause (a) of sub-rule (6) of Rule 7 shall be on probation for a period of two years:

Provided that the period of probation may, for good and sufficient reasons, to be recorded in writing and communicated to the probationer(s) be extended by the Appointing Authority in any individual case, by a period not exceeding two years.

- 16. Induction Training and Departmental Examination:-** Every person appointed to a post in the service under clause (a) and (b) of sub-rule (6) of Rule 7 after the commencement of these Rules, shall:-
- have to undergo the Induction Training as prescribed by the Appointing Authority.
  - have to pass the Departmental Examination prescribed by the Appointing Authority and conducted by the Meghalaya Public Service Commission before being considered eligible for promotion under sub-rule (5) of Rule 7.
- 17. Discharge or Reversion:-** (1) A member of the Service appointed, by direct recruitment shall be liable to be discharged if:-
- he fails to give satisfactory performance during the period of probation.
  - based on any information received relating to his nationality, age, health, character and antecedents, the Appointing Authority is satisfied for reasons to be recorded in writing and communicated to the member of the service, that the person is ineligible or otherwise unfit for being a member of the service.
- (2) Where the appointing Authority finds that the performance of duty by any member of the Service, appointed by promotion, is unsatisfactory or where he is found unfit to hold the post at any time, such member shall be liable to disciplinary action as per extant Government Rules.
- 18. Seniority:-** (1) The inter-se-seniority of the members of the service appointed to different cadres before the commencement of these Rules shall be in the order in which their names appeared in the respective Gradation List finalized by the Government for each of the cadres or the select list approved by the Appointing Authority.
- (2) The inter-se-seniority of the members of the service appointed to different cadres after the commencement of these Rules shall be in the order in which their names appeared in the Merit List prepared under sub-rule (4) of Rule 11 or in the Select List approved under sub-rule (4) of Rule 9:
- Provided that in any cadre, a member of the service appointed by promotion shall be senior to a member appointed by direct recruitment, where such appointment falls in the same year.
- (3) If confirmation of any member of the service is delayed on account of his failure to qualify for such confirmation, he shall lose his position in order of seniority in that cadre *vis-a-vis* such of his juniors in his cadre as may be confirmed earlier than him.
- 19. Confirmation:-** (1) Confirmation of a member of the service in the cadre appointed by promotion shall be made according to his seniority in that cadre subject to the following conditions:-
- that he has served not less than one year in the post where he is to be confirmed.
  - that the performance of the member of the service is satisfactory (to be judged on the basis of Annual Confidential Reports and other relevant records);
  - that there is no departmental proceedings or vigilance enquiry against him and
  - subject to availability of vacancy and that no person holds a lien on it.
- (2) Confirmation of a person appointed by direct recruitment shall be made according to his seniority in that cadre subject to the following conditions:-
- that he has completed the period of probation to the satisfaction of the Appointing Authority;
  - that there is no departmental proceedings or vigilance enquiry against him: and
  - Subject to availability of vacancy and that no person holds a lien on it.

Provided that where a person is not given opportunity to undergo the prescribed training if any, during the period of probation, his confirmation shall not be held up for reasons of not successfully undergoing the said training, but such person shall, when called upon by the Appointing Authority and opportunity given, successfully undergo the said training.

20. **Gradation List:-** There shall be prepared and published annually an up-to-date Gradation List as on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, consisting of the names of all members of the service, cadre-wise and drawn up in order of seniority as determined under Rule 18 and other particulars relating to the date of birth and appointment to the service and such other details relevant to the service career shall also be indicated against such name.
21. **Time Scale of Pay:-** The time scale of pay admissible to the members of the service in different posts shall be as shown in Schedule -I appended to these Rules subject to revision by Government from time to time.
22. **Leave, Pension, etc and other conditions of service:-** Except as provided under these rules, all matters generally relating to pay and allowances, leave, pension, discipline and other conditions of service shall be regulated by the general rules and/or orders made by the Government from time to time and applicable to the State Government Officials of corresponding status, having similar functions.
23. **Increment:-** (1) The first increment admissible to a person appointed by direct recruitment shall accrue on the expiry of one year from the date of his joining the post but subsequent increment shall be allowed only on successful completion of the period of probation.  
(2) The pay of the member of the service on his completion of the period of probation including induction training, shall be fixed at such stage as if he had been allowed his usual annual increments due but he shall not be entitled to any arrear in pay on account of withholding of due increments for the period prior to the date of his successful completion of the period of probation.  
(3) The increment admissible to a member of the Service promoted from one post to another shall accrue on the expiry of such year as admissible under extant Government Notification governing such increments.
24. **Power of the Governor to dispense with or relax any Rule:-** The Governor, if satisfied that the operation of any of the provisions of these Rules causes undue hardship in any particular case or cases or results in any particular post or posts being left unfilled for want of person (s) possessing the minimum experience as specified by these Rules for promotion to such post (s) may dispense with or relax the requirement of any of these Rules to such extent and subject to such condition as it may consider necessary for dealing with the case in a just and equitable manner, or, for meeting the exigencies of public interest:  
  
Provided that the case of any person shall not be dealt with in any manner less favorable to him than that provided under these Rules.
25. **Interpretation:-** If any question arises relating to the interpretation of these Rules, the decision of the Government in the Excise, Registration, Taxation & Stamps Department with the approval of the Personnel & A.R. Department shall be final.
26. **Repeal and Saving:-** All Rules, Orders or Notifications relating to recruitment and conditions of Service of the members appointed to posts in the Taxation Department, in force immediately before the commencement of these Rules are hereby repealed:

Provided that all orders made or action taken under the Rules, Order or Notification so repealed or any action taken in pursuant thereto shall be deemed to have been validly made or taken under the corresponding provisions of these rules.



**Schedule-I**  
**[See Rule 6(2)]**

Sl. No.	Category of the Post	Name of the Post	Time Scale of Pay (as per 5 <sup>th</sup> Pay Commission)	Number of Post	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	-	Commissioner of Taxes (Borne from IAS Cadre)	-	-	-
2.	Senior Grade	Additional Commissioner of Taxes	₹76,900 (L-20)	1	1
3.	Grade-I Senior	Joint Commissioner of Taxes	₹71,600 (L-19)	1	1
4.	Grade-I Junior	Deputy Commissioner of Taxes	₹62,400 (L-18)	2	2
5.	Grade-II Senior	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	₹55,500 (L-17)	4	4
6.	Grade-II Junior	Superintendent of Taxes	₹43,700 (L-14)	19	19
7.	Grade-III	Inspector of Taxes	₹37,800 (L-11)	113	113

**SCHEDULE – II**  
(See Rule 7 & Rule 12)

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Method of recruitment with percentage of vacancies to be filled up in any recruitment year by direct recruitment or promotion	Direct Recruitment			Promotion		Remarks
			Education Qualification etc. required for direct recruitment	Lower age limit	Upper age limit	Person eligible for consideration to the post mentioned in Col. 1&2	Qualification, experience etc	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Commissioner of Taxes	Borne from IAS cadre	-	-	-	-	Borne from IAS cadre	Borne from IAS cadre
2	Additional Commissioner of Taxes	By Promotion	-	-	-	Joint Commissioner of Taxes	Must have rendered not less than 3 (three) years continuous Service in the post shown in Col.7 on the first day of the year in which the Selection is made or a combined service of 21 (twenty one) years.	Provided that in the event of non-availability of a qualified officer from amongst the member of the service, the Government shall appoint an officer to the post, from amongst officers of other Service cadres, who is of sufficient seniority to hold the post.
3	Joint Commissioner of Taxes	By Promotion	-	-	-	Deputy Commissioner of Taxes	Must have rendered not less than 3 (three) years continuous Service in the post shown in Col.7 on the first day of the year in which the Selection is made or a combined service of 18 (eighteen) years.	
4	Deputy Commissioner	By Promotion	-	-	-	Assistant Commissioner of	Must have rendered not less than 3 (three) years	

	of Taxes								continuous Service in the post shown in Col.7 on the first day of the year in which the Selection is made or a combined service of 15 (fifteen) years.	
5	Assistant Commissioner of Taxes	By Promotion	-	-	-	-	-	-	Must have rendered not less than 3 (three) years continuous Service in the post shown in Col.7 on the first day of the year in which the Selection is made or a combined service of 12 (twelve) years.	
6	Superintendent of Taxes	By promotion	-	-	-	-	-	-	(i) By Departmental Examination through MPSC: Provided that this condition shall not apply to the Inspector of Taxes already in service on the date of commencement of these rules. (ii) Must have rendered not less than 5 (five) years continuous Service in the post shown in Col.7 on the first day of the year in which the Selection is made.	
7	Inspector of Taxes	(a) By Direct recruitment through MPSC – 75% of sanctioned strength.	(a) Minimum Bachelor Degree in any discipline from a recognized University and working knowledge of						Must have attained the age of 18 (eighteen) years and not exceeded the age of twenty seven years. No age limit for candidates already in Service in Government of Meghalaya provided they	

					Computer Applications.	(b) By Promotion from Ministerial Staff of Directorate office and District offices – 25%	(b) Minimum Bachelor Degree in any discipline from a recognized University; and working knowledge of Computer Applications				have not exceeded 45 (forty five) years of age as on the first day of the year of the advertisement. Age relaxation for Scheduled Caste, Schedule Tribe and other categories as prescribed by Government from time to time.  Must have rendered minimum 5 (five) years of continuous service in the capacity of UDA or a combined service of 10 (ten) years.
						(b) Provided that 25% of vacant posts at clause (b) shall be filled up from Ministerial staff of Directorate office and 75% from Ministerial staff of District offices					

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Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
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The 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**No.LBG. 77/2002/Pt/22.** – In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 112 of the Factories Act 1948, the Governor of Meghalaya hereby makes the following Rules to amend the Meghalaya Factories Rules, 1980.

1. **Short title and commencement** - (1) These rules may be called the "**Meghalaya Factories (Amendment) Rules, 2020**".

(2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. **Amendment to Rule 45.** - (i) In sub-rule (b) of Rule 45 of the Meghalaya Factories Rules, 1980 hereinafter known as the principal rules for the figure "10" appeared in between the word "every" and "thereafter" shall be substituted by the figure "50".

(ii) After sub rule (b) the following new sub-rules (c) and sub-rules (d) shall be added namely, -

"(c) Sanitary Napkins of adequate quantity conforming to Indian Standards shall be provided and maintained in the women's toilets for their use, and the same replenished on daily basis.

(d) Disposable bins with lids shall be provided within the women's toilets for the collection of the used napkins. The used napkins shall be disposed off as per the procedure approved by the Inspector."

3. **Amendment to Rules 78C.** - For Rule 78C of the principal rules the following new rule shall be substituted, namely,-

**"78C. - Personal Protective Equipment.** - (1) All workers should be mandatorily provided with Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) as required under any of the provisions of the Act or the Rules and such PPEs shall conform to the relevant **National Standard**. The occupiers shall require the workers to use such PPEs and the same shall be maintained in proper working conditions by the occupier. No charge what so ever shall be charged by the occupier from the workers for provision of such Personal Protective Equipment.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of sub-rule (1), the various types of Personal Protective Equipment to which this rule shall extend for use in factories shall be prescribed below :

**(i) Safety Helmet.** - All workers who are likely to be exposed to any hazard which may cause head injury shall be provided with safety helmets conforming to relevant National Standards. All the workers shall be adequately trained on proper use of such PPEs. When work at height is being carried out such safety helmet shall be provided with a nape strap. No safety helmet which has resisted an impact shall be reused. Periodic cleaning and visual inspection to check any deformation in size or shape shall be carried out.

**(ii) Protective Footwear.** - Protective footwear should be provided to workers who are exposed to hazards which are likely to cause injury to them by way of materials being dropped on their feet or nail or other sharp objects penetrating their sole. The type and nature of footwear to be used at workplaces shall be decided by the occupier based on nature of work being carried at such work places. Proper disinfection shall be carried out to prevent contagious fungal infection of the skin that causes scaling, flaking, and itching of the affected areas. Proper medical care shall be carried out to prevent workers from suffering from ingrown nails, metatarsalgia, heel spur, hammer toes and nerve damage after wearing safety shoe.

**(iii) Safety Goggles and Spectacles.** - The relevant National Standard shall be applicable for eye-protection intended for use in industrial undertakings to provide protection for the eyes of the workers against hazards such as flying particles and fragments, splashing materials and molten metal's harmful dust, gases or vapours, aerosols and radiations which are likely to impair vision or damage the eyes.

Additional eye protection over their prescription lenses shall be used ensuring that the protective eyewear does not disturb the proper positioning of the prescription lenses.

**(iv) Equipment for eye and face protection during welding.** - Relevant National Standard shall be followed for requirements of goggles, hand shield and helmet intended to protect an operator above the shoulder from harmful radiation, spark and particles of hot metal during welding, cutting and similar operations employing a gas flame or electric arc.

**(v) Gloves and Protective Clothing.** - Suitable gloves, leather gauntlets and mittens conforming to relevant National Standard shall be used for protection of hand of the workers from getting injured. Such protective gloves shall be provided where the hands are exposed to hazards such as those from skin absorption of harmful substances, severe cuts or lacerations, severe abrasions, punctures, chemical burns, thermal burns, and harmful temperature extremes. Suitable protective clothing as per relevant National Standard available for apron (Rubberized, acid and alkali resistant) shall be used for protection of workers who are likely to be exposed to any hazard which may cause injury to their skin.

**(vi) Ear protection when exposed to noise.** - Protection against the effects of noise exposure shall be provided when the sound levels exceed the prescribed standards. The relevant National Standard shall be followed while selection of suitable ear protection. Periodic disinfection of reusable ear protectors shall be carried out to eliminate hearing loss caused by infection, discharge, pain etc, in the ear.

**(vii) Respiratory Protection.** - Respiratory Protective equipment based on the nature of hazards as per the relevant National Standard shall be provided by the occupier of the factory to the workers for their respiratory protection against dust, fumes, gases, particulates etc. Clinical examination and appropriate medical tests shall be undertaken to avoid Irritant dermatitis, hives, bridge sores, etc. because of prolonged use of respiratory personal protective equipment.

**(viii) Other Protective Equipment.** - Appropriate personal protective equipment based on the nature of hazards as per the relevant National Standard shall be provided by the occupier to the workers. These shall include the following :-

(a) Safety harnesses with independently secured lifelines where protection against falls cannot be provided by other appropriate means.

(b) Life vests and life preservers where there is a danger of falling into water.

(c) Distinguishing clothing or reflective devices or otherwise conspicuously visible material when there is regular exposure to danger from moving vehicle.

3. The Inspector may, having regard to the nature of the hazards involved in work and process being carried out, order the occupier or the manager in writing to supply to the workers exposed to particular hazard any personal protective equipment conforming to relevant National Standard as may be found necessary".
4. **Deletion of Rule 78D.** - Rule 78D of the Principal Rule shall be deleted.

**D. P. WAHLANG,**  
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Labour Department.

The 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**ORDER**

**No.ITR 49/2010/Pt-IV/83.** – 1. In Continuation Government Order No. ITR 49/2010/pt-IV/7, dated Shillong 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 which envisaging of e-District Project as an important initiative of the State's e-Governance implementation program. This project is part of the State Mission Mode Project (MMP) under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP). This project aims to apply Information Technology and Government processes re-engineering on high volume Government services to improve them and electronically deliver them through the internet at home/ Browsing Centres/Common Services Centres (CSCs). Districts, Sub-Districts and Blocks are the primary delivery channels for Government administration hence, services to the Citizens at grass-root level would be identified and workflow automation would be suggested for significant improvements through e-governance. The project envisages to leverage and optimally utilize the e-infrastructure in the State viz. the State Data Centre (SDC) and State Wide Area Network (SWAN) & State Services Delivery Gateway (SSDG), and Common Services Centres (CSCs).

2. Roll-out of Additional e-Services:

The Government of Meghalaya hereby orders that the following two additional e-services shall be provided in electronic form to citizens with effect from the date of issue of notification from the respective line department in this regard. These services include:-

a) National Mandate Service: Issue of Certificates

1. Birth & Death Registration.

b) State Optional Service:

2. Online Registration of Farmers for issuance of ID Cards.

3. Further any additional e-services will be notified separately after approval by State Apex Committee on Digital India and as and when the services are ready to be launched.

4. The Government of Meghalaya hereby recognizes the use of digital signatures for the purpose of electronic delivery of services to citizens. Thus, the certificates issued under the e-District project framework are declared to be legally valid across India as per provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (Central Act 21 of 2000), and for all legal purposes, the validity of a digital signature shall be at par with a hand-written signature.

5. Date of roll-out e-services:

Since Government Orders (G.O.s) are necessary to roll-out e-services through the e-District MMP, the Line Departments will issue separate GOs defining the service area and date of roll-out. These GOs will be based on the format to be prepared by Information Technology & Communication Department which will be in accordance with the Government/ Business Process Re-engineering (GPR/BPR), Functional Specifications Requirement (FRS), Systems Requirement Specification (SRS)/ Systems Configuration (SC) documents (including input/ output documents) approved by State Apex Committee on Digital India.

**M. R. SYNREM,**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Information Technology & Communication Department.

The 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

**No.ITR 13/2015/153.** – The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to adopt DigiLocker in different Government Departments and their agencies to provide access to authentic digital documents to citizens through digital document wallet as envisaged in Information Technology (Preservation and Retention of Information by Intermediaries Providing Digital Locker Facilities) Rules 2016 and as amended and notified on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The State Government Departments and their agencies will register themselves in the DigiLocker as an Issuer, Verifier or as a Requestor of documents as per their requirements. Information Technology & Communications Department (IT&C) will act as the Nodal Agency to guide and oversee the implementation of DigiLocker in the State.

This has the approval of Competent Authority.

**M. R. SYNREM,**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Information Technology & Communication Department.

**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(Department of Electronics and Information Technology)**

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2016.

**G.S.R. 711(E).**— In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 87 and clause (wa) of sub-section (2) of section 87 read with section 6A and section 67C of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000) the Central Government hereby makes the following rules for the preservation and retention of information by intermediaries providing Digital Locker Facilities, namely:

**1. Short Title and Commencement.**— (1) These rules may be called the Information Technology (Preservation and Retention of Information by Intermediaries Providing Digital Locker Facilities) Rules, 2016.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. Definitions.**— (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- a) "Act" means the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000);
- b) "access gateway" means authorised system to provide access to repositories under Digital Locker system;
- c) "application program interface (API)", means a set of routines, protocols, and tools for building software applications;
- d) "body corporate" means body corporate as defined in *Explanation (1)* to section 43A of the Act;



- e) "DeitY" means the Department of Electronics and Information Technology in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India;
- f) "DigiLocker" means the Government owned and operated web and mobile based hosting of Digital Locker system;
- g) "Digital Locker" means a service of preservation, retention of electronic records by the subscriber and delivery of electronic records to the subscriber;
- h) "Digital Locker authority" means an authority as designated by the Government for the licensing, empanelment and management of Digital Locker service providers;
- i) "Digital Locker Directory" means a web page managed by the Government or Digital Locker authority for registration and providing details of registered locker providers, issuers, requester, repositories and access gateways providers;
- j) "Digital Locker Portal" means a web and mobile based system to provide access to documents under Digital Locker System to the users;
- k) "Digital Locker Practice Statement" means a statement by the Digital Locker service provider describing the services and flow of the services being offered by the provider;
- l) "Digital Locker service provider" means an intermediary including a body corporate or an agency of the appropriate Government, as may be notified by the Government, to provide Digital Locker, access gateways and, or, repository facilities electronically, in accordance with these rules;
- m) "Digital Locker system", means an application based system to provide Digital Locker services to the users with the help of authorised service providers, providing Digital Locker, access gateways and, or, repositories facilities;
- n) "equivalently authenticated electronic record" means an electronic record authenticated by any other means other than digital signatures as prescribed under the Digital Locker standard guidelines;
- o) "Government" means the Central Government;
- p) "issuer" means any State or Central department or agency or body corporate issuing digitally signed or equivalently authenticated electronic records to the subscriber under Digital Locker system;
- q) "License" means binding agreement between the Digital Locker authority and any Digital Locker service provider;
- r) "repository" means an electronic repository of digitally signed and or digitised electronic records, maintained by any Digital Locker service provider or an issuer for the purpose of accessing such records and delivering them to the users;
- s) "requester" means any State or Central department or agency or body corporate requesting access to subscriber's digitally signed or equivalently authenticated electronic records preserved and retained in the repository created and managed under Digital Locker system;
- t) "subscriber" means subscriber to a Digital Locker under the Digital Locker system;

u) "Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)", means unique reference to a document stored in a Digital Locker repository;

v) "user" means a subscriber, issuer or requester of the Digital Locker system.

(2) Words and expressions used and not defined in these rules but defined in the Act and various rules made thereunder shall have the same meanings assigned to them in the Act and the said rules respectively.

**3. Appointment of Digital Locker Authority.** — (1) The Government shall appoint the Digital Locker authority to establish, administer, and manage Digital Locker system to preserve and retain information for efficient delivery of services to the users through Digital Locker system.

(2) The Digital Locker authority shall discharge its functions as notified under these rules subject to the general control and directions of the DeitY.

(3) The Digital Locker authority shall authorise the Digital Locker service provider to provide Digital Locker, access gateway and, or, repository facility electronically, in accordance with these rules.

**4. Digital Locker System.** — (1) For the purpose of providing preservation and retention of machine readable, printable, shareable, verifiable and secure State or Central department or agency or body corporate issued electronic records, the Government and other service providers to provide a Digital Locker system of limited electronic storage to all users.

(2) The Government through Digital Locker authority and in accordance with the technical standards as laid down by the DeitY from time to time shall provide for the administration of Digital Locker system.

(3) Subject to sub-rule (1), the Digital Locker system shall act as web and mobile based portal for State or Central department or agency or body corporate issued electronic records maintained in a prescribed format.

**5. Operation of Digital Locker System.** — (1) Any individual who is resident of India shall be able to open and gain access to Digital Locker portal after submitting duly prescribed application form to the authorised Digital Locker service provider.

(2) Subject to the sub-rule (1), any individual may obtain the services of the licensed or empanelled Digital Locker service providers for the purpose of accessing locker, gateways and repository services using web or mobile based Digital Locker Portal.

(3) Digital Locker Portal shall provide access to repositories and access gateway for issuers to issue and requesters to access digitally signed or equivalently authenticated electronic records respectively in a uniform way in real-time.

(4) Digital Locker Directory shall provide following details, namely:-

(a) Registration facility for issuers, requesters, locker providers, repository providers and gateway providers;

(b) issuer (name, ID, registration date, contact details). Requester ID (name, ID, registration date, contact details), Gateway ID (name, ID, registration date, contact details) and repositories (name, ID, registration date, contact details);

- (c) standards, application forms, and other particulars;
- (d) electronic workflow to request, approve, and publish new ID for new issuers, gateways and repositories, as the case may be; and
- (e) any other information as prescribed by the Government.

**6. Location of the Facilities.** — The infrastructure associated with all functions of Digital Locker system as well as maintenance of directories containing information about the status of Digital Locker system shall be installed at any location within India.

**7. The manner in which Digital Locker system be used by Subscriber.** — A Digital Locker shall be used by the subscriber to.—

- (a) access and register for Digital Locker on the web or mobile based Digital Locker Portal;
- (b) upload documents, or as the case may be, digitally sign, the uploaded documents in the Digital Locker as provided by the Digital Locker service provider;
- (c) access documents from issuers using the document URI's available in the Digital Locker account.
- (d) grant access to the requester to access State or Central department or agency or body corporate issued records by providing unique document URI: and
- (e) provide consent to the issuer to deposit document URI's and to the requestor to access documents;

**8. The manner in which Digital Locker system be used by requester.**— A Digital Locker shall be used by the requester to, -

- (a) register on the Digital Locker directory;
- (b) access documents uploaded by the subscriber on the Digital Locker portal;
- (c) use authorised gateway providers to access documents stored across repositories;
- (d) access subscriber's State or Central department or agency or body corporate issued documents based on the URI; and
- (e) take consent from subscriber to access documents available in subscriber's Digital Locker account.

**9. The manner in which Digital Locker system be used by issuer.** — A Digital Locker shall be used to, —

- (a) register on the Digital Locker Directory;
- (b) issue new digital records in the format as prescribed by the appropriate government;
- (c) provide older digitized records to the subscriber, which are verifiable, shareable, accessible and printable;
- (d) gives consent to any other Digital Locker service provider to gain access to its documents;

(e) choose own repository or a repository from authorised repository service provider as issuer repository to preserve and retain issued records;

(f) use the integration interfaces, to either

(i) push URI to Digital Locker: to push the URI's of all the records available in their repositories so that the same can be displayed to the subscriber, so as to notify the subscriber that the issuer has following documents linked to the subscriber's account;

(ii) pull URI: to allow the subscriber to query the issuer repository by providing subscriber's identifier applicable to issuer organisation to enable issuer to provide the URI's of all the records that are linked to the identifiers submitted by the subscriber.

**10. Role of Digital Locker service providers.** — (1) The Digital Locker system shall be supported by following Digital Locker service providers, namely:

(a) Digital Locker portals;

(b) Repositories; and

(c) access gateways.

(2) Government or the Digital Locker authority shall authorise service providers to set up Digital Locker portals, access gateways or repositories for efficient use of Digital Locker system for the benefit of subscribers, issuers and requesters.

(3) Every authorised service provider to conform and comply with the binding authorising terms, including the standards, guidelines and specifications as laid down by the Government or Digital Locker authority.

**11. Digital Locker service provider to ensure compliance of the Act, etc.** — Every Digital Locker service provider shall ensure that every person employed or otherwise engaged or associated with it complies, in the course of such employment or engagement, with the provisions of this Act, rules, regulations and orders made thereunder.

**12. Appointment of grievance officer by the Digital Locker service provider for dispute resolution.** — (1) Every Digital Locker service provider shall publish on its website the name of grievance officer and his contact details as well as mechanism by which any users or aggrieved person who suffers as a result of -

(i) access or usage of Digital Locker or Digital Locker system by any unauthorised person; or

(ii) violation of authorising terms,

may notify their complaints against such access or usage or violation of licensing terms to such grievance officer.

(2) The grievance officer shall redress the complaints within one month from the date of receipt of complaint.

**13. Suspension and revocation of Digital Locker account.** — (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-rule (2), the Digital Locker service provider which has provided a Digital Locker account may suspend such Digital Locker account -

- (a) on receipt of a request to that effect from
    - (i) the subscriber listed in the Digital Locker account; or
    - (ii) any person duly authorised to act on behalf of that subscriber;
  - (b) if it is the opinion of Digital Locker authority that the subscriber's Digital Locker account should be suspended in public interest for reasons to be included in writing.
- (2) A Digital Locker account shall not be suspended for a period exceeding thirty days unless the subscriber has been given an opportunity of being heard in the matter.
- (3) On suspension of a Digital Locker account under these rules, the Digital Locker service provider shall communicate the same to the subscriber and other users.

*Explanation.* - For the purpose of these rules, suspension of Digital Locker account of subscriber implies that neither requester nor issuer shall be able to access subscriber's account during the period of such suspension.

- (4) Subject to sub-rule (2), the Digital Locker authority, if not satisfied after making such inquiry, may revoke subscriber's Digital Locker account.

**14. Control of Digital Locker account credentials.** — (1) Every subscriber shall exercise reasonable care to retain control of the Digital Locker account credentials and take all steps to prevent its disclosure.

- (2) If the Digital Locker account credentials have been compromised, then, the subscriber shall communicate the same without any delay to the Digital Locker service provider in such manner as may be specified by the regulations.

*Explanation.* - For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that the subscriber shall be liable till he has informed the Digital Locker service provider that the Digital Locker account credentials have been compromised.

**15. Fees for opening Digital Locker account.** — (1) The Digital Locker service provider shall charge such fee or service charges from subscribers or users, as may be notified by the Government or Digital Locker authority.

- (2) Subject to sub-rule (1), Digital Locker service provider shall provide an up-to-date fee schedule or scale of service charges to all its subscribers and users.

**16. Portability of Digital Locker account of subscriber.** — The Digital Locker service provider shall provide Digital Locker services to subscribers with the facility to port their Digital Locker account to any other Digital Locker service provider, and shall, *inter-alia*.—

- (a) observe data retention and data migration guidelines as notified by DeitY;
- (b) make reasonable efforts to ensure that the portability service is provided to the subscriber with minimal service disruption; and
- (c) refund reasonable fee back to subscriber (not exceeding any fee or service charges by the service provider to the subscriber).

**17. Audit.** — (1) The Digital Locker service provider shall get its operations audited annually by an auditor and such audit shall include, *inter-alia*,

- (a) security policy and planning;
- (b) physical security;
- (c) technology evaluation;
- (d) Digital Locker service provider's services administration;
- (e) relevant Digital Locker Practice Statement;
- (f) compliance to relevant Digital Locker Practice Statement;
- (g) contracts or agreements; and
- (h) policy requirements as may be required under these rules.

(2) The Digital Locker service provider shall conduct,

- (a) half yearly audit of the security policy, physical security and planning of its operation;
- (b) a quarterly audit of its system and all associated interfaces, systems, tools and processes.

(3) The Digital Locker service provider shall submit copy of each audit report to the Government or Digital Locker authority within four weeks of the completion of such audit and where irregularities are found, the Digital Locker service provider shall take immediate appropriate action to remove such irregularities.

**18. Auditor's relationship with Digital Locker service provider.** — (1) The auditor shall be independent of the Digital Locker service provider being audited and shall not be a software or hardware vendor which is, or has been providing services or supplying equipment to the said Digital Locker service provider.

(2) The auditor and the Digital Locker service provider shall not have any current or planned financial, legal or other relationship, other than that of an auditor and the audited party.

**19. Confidential Information.** — The following information shall be treated as confidential, namely:—

- (a) Digital Locker account application;
- (b) Digital Locker account information collected from the subscriber or elsewhere as part of the registration;
- (c) subscriber agreement;
- (d) Digital Locker contents;
- (e) document URI; and
- (f) any other information as may be notified by the DeitY.

**20. Access to confidential information.** — (1) Access to confidential information shall be subject to the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder.

(2) Access to confidential information by the employees of the Digital Locker service provider shall be on a "need-to-know" and "need-to-use" basis. The process of maintaining confidentiality of information has to be included in the Digital Locker Practise Statement.

(3) The back up of all information shall be kept offsite in the disaster recovery facility.

(4) The confidential information shall not be preserved and retained outside India.

**21. Maintenance of reasonable security practices.** — (1) The Digital Locker service provider to observe and maintain reasonable security practices as mandated under the Information Technology (Reasonable Security Practices and Procedures and Sensitive Personal data or Information) Rules, 2011.

(2) The Digital Locker service provider shall observe and maintain Information Technology Security Guidelines as mandated under Schedule II of the Information Technology (Certifying Authorities) Rules 2000.

[F.No. 3(29)/2016-EG-II]

**SANJIV MITTAL,**

Joint Secretary.

## MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

**G.S.R.111(E).** — In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 87 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules to amend the Information Technology (Preservation and Retention of Information by Intermediaries Providing Digital Locker Facilities) Rules, 2016, namely:

1. (1) These rules may be called the Information Technology (Preservation and Retention of Information by Intermediaries Providing Digital Locker Facilities) Amendment Rules, 2017.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Information Technology (Preservation and Retention of Information by Intermediaries Providing Digital Locker Facilities) Rules, 2016,-

(a) in the opening paragraph, for the word, brackets and letter "clause (wa)", the word, brackets and letter "clause (x)" shall be substituted;

(b) in rule 2, in sub-rule (1), in clause (q), for the word "License", the word "Licence" shall be *substituted*;

(c) after rule 9, the following rule shall be *inserted*, namely:

**"9A. Issuing certificates or documents in Digital Locker System and accepting certificates or documents shared from Digital Locker Account at par with Physical Documents.** — (1) Issuers may start issuing and Requesters may start accepting digitally (or electronically) signed certificates or documents shared from subscribers' Digital Locker accounts at par with the physical documents in accordance with the provisions of the Act and rules made thereunder.

(2) When such certificate or document mentioned in sub-rule (1) has been issued or pushed in the Digital Locker System by an issuer and subsequently accessed or accepted by a requester through the URI, it shall be deemed to have been shared by the issuer directly in electronic form.

**Explanation.** — For the purpose of sub-rule (2), it is hereby clarified that if the links of the issued certificates or documents take the requester to the single source of truth, such as issuer repositories, automatic verification happens.":

(d) for rule 12, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

**"Appointment of grievance officer by the Digital Locker service provider for dispute resolution.—**

(1) Every Digital Locker service provider shall publish on its website the name of grievance officer and his contact details as well as mechanism by which any users or aggrieved person who suffers as a result of -

(a) access or usage of Digital Locker or Digital Locker system by any unauthorised person; or

(b) violation of licensing terms; or

(c) any other complaints not covered under clauses (a) and (b) above,

may notify their complaints against such access or usage or violation of licensing terms or any other complaints to such grievance officer.

(2) The grievance officer shall redress the complaints within one month from the date of receipt of complaint.

(3) Any aggrieved person may appeal to the Digital Locker Authority against the order of the Grievance Officer within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of such order.";

(e) in rule 17, (i) in sub-rule (2), after the words "The Digital Locker service provider shall conduct", the words "yearly audit of" shall be *inserted*;

(ii) in clause (a), the words "half yearly audit of" shall be *omitted*;

(iii) in clause (b), the words "a quarterly audit of" shall be *omitted*.

[F.No. 3(29)/2016-EG-II]

**AJAY KUMAR,**  
Additional Secretary.

**Note.**—The principal rules were published *vide* number G.S.R. 711(E), in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3 - Sub-section (i), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2016.

The 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**No.IND.37/2019/59.**— Whereas the Meghalaya Preferential Stores Purchase Rules, 1990 has become outdated and is not compatible with the provisions of the Micro Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development Act, 2006.

Now therefore, in the interest of facilitating promotion and development of micro and small enterprises, the Notification issued under *vide* Executive Order No.IND.315/88/69, dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1990 is hereby withdrawn. However, notwithstanding the withdrawal, all action taken under the above said Rules shall be deemed to have been validly taken under the corresponding provisions of the Rules and are hereby saved.

**M. R. SYNREM,**  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Commerce & Industries Department.



The 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020.

**No.MG.49/2011/Pt-I/184.** - In exercise of the power conferred by Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 (Central Act No. 67 of 1957), the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Meghalaya Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 2016, namely:-

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| <b>Short Title and Commencement.</b> | 1. | (1) These Rules may be called the Meghalaya Minor Minerals Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2020.<br>(2) They shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.   |
| <b>Amendment of rule 3.</b>          | 2. | In rule 3 of the said rules, after sub-rule (ii), the following new sub-rule shall be added, namely:-<br>“(iii) excavation of ordinary earth for building construction”.   |
| <b>Amendment of rule 4.</b>          | 3. | In rule 4 of the said rules, for the sub-rule (1), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:-<br>“(1) No mining lease and quarry permit shall be granted in respect of any of the lands mentioned below, namely:-<br>(a) Within a distance of two hundred (200) meters from the edge of the National Highways and any roads to be notified by the Government.<br>(b) Within a distance of one hundred (100) meters from any village, water source, Bridges, Dams, Reservoirs and from the edge of the State Highways and any other roads when blasting is not involved.<br>(c) Within a distance of two hundred (200) meters from any Village, Water source, Bridges, Dams, Reservoirs and from the edge of the State Highways and any other roads when blasting is involved. |
| <b>Amendment of Schedule II.</b>     | 4. | In Schedule II to the said rules, in serial number (5), after the word “Quartzite”, the word “Quartz” shall be inserted.   |
| <b>Amendment of Schedule III.</b>    | 5. | In the Schedule III to the said rules:-<br>(a) in serial number (14), after the word “Quartzite”, the word “Quartz” shall be inserted;<br>(b) in serial number (17), the item “Limestone of any grade” shall be omitted; and<br>(c) after the serial number (18), the following shall be inserted, namely: -<br>“(19) Limestone when used in kilns for manufacture of lime and/or as building material for building, road and other construction works”.   |
| <b>Amendment of Schedule IV.</b>     | 6. | In the Schedule IV to the said rules, in the serial number (7), for the words “Limestone of any grade” the words “Limestone” shall be substituted.   |

**MANJUNATHA C.,**  
Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Mining and Geology Department.

The 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**No.DC.VII/GenI/106/2004-2020/195.** – Under the Provision of the Section 3 and 4 of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills (Christian Marriage) Act, 1954 (Act No. 11 of 1954) *read* with Section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council is pleased to grant License to the following Rev. and Probationary Pastor of Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Synod Mihngi authorising each to grant certificate(s) of Marriage or Marriages between person(s) both of whom are Christian living within the jurisdiction of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council and falls under the Khasi Jaintia Prebyterian Synod Mihngi subject to revocation at anytime as may be notified.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Names</b>
1.	Rev. Davie Austin Kharkongor, Laitumkhrah Presbytery.
2.	Rev. Shanbok Warkhyllaw, Lum Rapleng Prsebytery.
3.	Pro. Pastor Mebanshembha Lawai, Lum Rapleng Presbytery.
4.	Pro. Pastor Defender Lyngkhoi, Mawkyrew Presbytery.

**D. G. SYIEMIONG,**  
Secretary to the Executive Committee,  
Khasi Hills Automous District Council,  
Shillong.